

## House Resolution 654

By: Representatives Burns of the 157<sup>th</sup>, Carter of the 159<sup>th</sup>, and Stephens of the 164<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Effingham County High School wrestling team on  
2 winning the 2009 Class AAAA State Championship; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, through perseverance and iron determination, the Effingham County High  
4 School wrestling team earned the top ranking in the state by scoring 99.5 points, becoming  
5 the first school south of Macon to win a state traditional wrestling championship; and

6 WHEREAS, the phenomenal performance of the team is a clear indication of the outstanding  
7 athletic ability, the dedication and hard work, and the unity of purpose and spirit of each  
8 member of the team and the astute direction of Head Coach Chris Hardin; and

9 WHEREAS, the team's triumph is incredibly impressive as the program was considered to  
10 be cut twice in the past decade due to lack of interest and budget constraints; and

11 WHEREAS, the two individual state championship wins of Josh Barnhill and Kevin Ulmer  
12 guaranteed the Rebels a place in the record books; and

13 WHEREAS, other superb performances were displayed by Bruce Smith and Desmond  
14 Washington, who each placed third in their weight classes, and Zach Gilliam, who placed  
15 fourth; and

16 WHEREAS, as this magnificent team earned its well-deserved reputation for excellence by  
17 performing with courage and precision over months of training and competition, it is  
18 abundantly proper to call them champions.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
20 the members of this body congratulate the Effingham County High School wrestling team  
21 for winning the 2009 Class AAAA State Championship and extend their sincerest best  
22 wishes for future success.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
24 and directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the players and coaches of the Effingham  
25 County High School wrestling team.